

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Public Agency: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022100458

Project Title: Multi-Year Water Transfer Project

Project Applicant: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

Project Location (include county): Riverside, San Bernadino, and Ventura Counties

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

This is to advise that the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 11/28/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above (date) described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Office located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

Signature (Public Agency): Lance Eckhart Title: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

Date: November 28, 2022 Date Received for filing at OPR:

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Agency and Ventura propose a 20-year agreement under which VCWPD, on behalf of Ventura, would transfer to SGPWA up to 10,000 AFY of SWP water. Ventura’s water allocation would be transferred to SGPWA for Agency use as an additional water supply. The transfer would use existing SWP and SGPWA facilities and turnouts (existing conveyance facilities) to receive the water and would not include any construction of new infrastructure, conveyance facilities, or alteration of lands. Existing facilities used in the transfer are shown in table below.

Existing Conveyance Facilities
California Aqueduct
East Branch Extension of the California Aqueduct
Mountain View Turnout
Little San Geronio Creek Turnout
Noble Creek Turnout
SGPWA Recharge Facility
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Recharge Facility

## Water Transfer from Ventura to SGPWA

The Project would facilitate a 20-year transfer of VCWPD’s, on behalf of Ventura, allocated Table A water to SGPWA. The Project is anticipated to start once the Project is approved by DWR, and will end on December 31, 2042. Each delivery year would commence on January 1, continuing for one calendar year, ending on December 31.

Until the State Water Interconnection Project is completed, SGPWA will have rights to up to 10,000 AF of the Ventura Table A Water allocation for each Delivery Year. Once the State Water Interconnection Project is completed, Ventura will have the priority right, but not the obligation, to take delivery of up to two thousand (2,000) acre feet of Table A Water (Priority Allocation) during the subsequent Delivery Year, provided that Ventura’s Table A Water allocation from DWR is sufficient to provide the Priority Allocation. The Priority Allocation must be used within the geographical boundaries that are served by Ventura and may not be transferred or exchanged for use outside such boundaries.

With respect to Article 21 water,<sup>1</sup> Ventura retains the rights to any Article 21 water associated with its Table A Water allocation if such Article 21 water can be used directly by Ventura County Agencies within two weeks of the date of allocation. This transfer will be subject to DWR approval, as Article 21 transfers are currently only contractual rights for four specifically named SWP water contractors, not including VCWPD.

## Term

Subject to DWR’s approval, the term of the proposed long-term water transfer would begin on the effective date and end on December 31, 2042.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 21 allows water contractors to take deliveries above approved and scheduled Table A amounts. Article 21 is sometimes called interruptible, unscheduled, or surplus water. It is offered predominantly in wet years.